GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

PUBLIC SERVICES – Fisheries Department – Mis-utilization of funds in distribution of “In Board Motors (IBMs)” on subsidy under Chief Minister’s Special Package – Sri K. Karunakara Rao, the then Fisheries Development Officer, Kakinada - Departmental proceedings under rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (CCA) Rules, 1991 – Awarded Penalty – Filed an Appeal – Examined – Further action dropped – Orders - Issued.

ANIMAL HUSBANDRY DAIRY DEVELOPMENT & FISHERIES (Dy.&Vig.) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 86 **Dated: 07-05-2020**

Read the following:-

1. From the General Administration (V&E) Department, Vigilance Report No.67, C.No.873/V&E/D2/2008, Dated: 22.09.2011.
2. G.O.Rt.No.217, AH,DD&F (Dy.&Vig.) Department, Dated: 24.09.2019.
3. From Sri K. Karunakara Rao, the then Fisheries Development Officer, letter Dated: 10.12.2019.
4. Government Memo.No.1114209/Dy.& Vig.(2)/2020, Dated: 03.03.2020.
5. From the Commissioner of Fisheries, A.P., Lr.No.9181/A.1/2011, Dated: 10.03.2020.

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ORDER:

In the reference first read above, the General Administration (V&E) Department have conducted a detailed enquiry on mis-utilization of funds by certain Officials of Fisheries Department, in distribution of “In Board Motors (IBMs)” on subsidy under Chief Minister’s Special Package, in East Godavari District and submitted Report, among other things, recommended for initiation of disciplinary action on five (5) Fisheries Department Officials of East Godavari District.

2. After following the due procedure under rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (CCA) Rules, 1991, disciplinary action was initiated against Sri K. Karunakara Rao, the then Fisheries Development Officer, Kakinada and another (5) five Officials of Fisheries Department and awarded a punishment of withholding one annual grade increment with cumulative effect against the individual, vide G.O. 2nd read above.

3. In the reference 3rd read above, Sri K. Karunakara Rao, the then Fisheries Development Officer, Kakinada has filed an appeal petition requesting to drop the punishment imposed on him.

4. In the reference 5th read above, the Commissioner of Fisheries, Andhra Pradesh, who offered his remarks, has furnished his remarks stating that, after examination of the appeal filed by the individual and keeping in view the facts of the case, as is follows with a request to take further action in the matter:-

i. There is no misappropriation of Government funds, except for small procedural lapses.
ii. No financial loss to the Government.
iii. Hence, violation of procedural lapses in implementing the scheme initiated in the year 2011, the penalty imposed on the erring officers was in 2019, which took about 8 years, who are now coming under the zone of consideration of promotion. If the penalty was imposed on them about 8 years back, they might have completed the "punishments imposed on them", without foregoing the opportunity of promotions.

5. After careful examination of the matter and considering the recommendations of the Commissioner of Fisheries at Para (4) above, Government have decided to drop the punishment imposed against the individual on humanitarian grounds, since there is no financial loss and only a procedural lapses. Accordingly, Government hereby dropped the punishment imposed against Sri K. Karunakara Rao, the then Fisheries Development Officer, Kakinada, presently working as Assistant Director of Fisheries, Tallarevu, East Godavari District.

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6. The Commissioner of Fisheries, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada shall take necessary further action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

Dr.POONAM MALAKONDAIAH,
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (FAC)

To
Sri K. Karunakara Rao, the then Fisheries Development Officer, Kakinada, presently working as Assistant Director of Fisheries, Tallarevu, East Godavari District, through the Commissioner of Fisheries, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada.
The Commissioner of Fisheries, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada.
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The Accountant General, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada.
The Director of Treasuries and Accounts, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada.
The Pay and Accounts, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada.
The District Treasury Officer, East Godavari District.
The AHDD&F (Fish) Dept., A.P. Secretariat, Velagapudi.
P.S. to Min (AHDD&F)
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